

Minutes of a Town of Riverhead board meeting held by the town board of the Town of Riverhead at Town Hall, Howell Avenue, Riverhead, New York on Tuesday, May 3, 2011 at 2:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Sean Walter,	Supervisor
John Dunleavy	Councilman
James Wooten,	Councilman
George Gabrielsen,	Councilman
Jodi Giglio,	Councilwoman

ALSO PRESENT:

Julie O'Neill,	Deputy Town Clerk
Robert Kozakiewicz,	Town Attorney

ABSENT:

Diane M. Wilhelm,	Town Clerk
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Supervisor Walter: "Live. Well, we're never live. Welcome to the May 3rd town board meeting and, Tara, I didn't bring a pen in. Did you bring a pen in? Oh, she's always thinking of me.

Mr. Hillman, you want to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance?"

(The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, led by Mr. Hillman)

Supervisor Walter: "And Pastor Dupree, would you like us seated or standing? Standing or seated. Okay."

Pastor Dupree: "Let us pray. Heavenly Father we thank you Lord for this day. We thank you Lord for the words that are written in the book of Isaiah, the prophet who said that (inaudible) to us, a child is born unto us, a son is given, and government shall be upon his shoulders. His name shall be called wonderful counsel Almighty God everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace and of his government and peace there will be no end.

And with that in mind, Lord, I invoke your blessing upon this

town board that leads our town and the government rest in their hands but ultimately Lord we believe that it rests in your hands.

I pray that you give them wisdom, guide them, help them, give them great and keen insight to the uniqueness of our town and communities. Lord, that they will be able to lead this town in peace and in prosperity.

Heavenly Father I pray this today that your blessing will be upon each one of them and all the work (inaudible) for them, in your name I pray, Amen."

Supervisor Walter: "Thank you. That's Pastor George Dupree from Living Waters. Thank you very much. And enjoy the rest of the day, sir.

We have a- okay, we have a special guest. Is Diamond ready to be presented? Diamond is an American Staffordshire terrier, mix, gender female; spayed, age three. But I don't see Diamond. Let's see, is Diamond out there? Sandra? Oh, okay, well, they should bring him in. He's coming. I'm sorry- "

Councilwoman Giglio: "He or she? Diamond."

Supervisor Walter: "It's a she. All right. We have two, one. All right. (Inaudible) animals in our shelter adopted and so this is Diamond and we should probably speak close to the microphone. Diamond is three years old and what do we know about Diamond? Loves children."

(Unidentified) "Loves children. She interacts well with children. We've had her at the shelter. Families have come to look at her. And she is happy. Tail is always wagging."

Supervisor Walter: "Diamond loves children, happy, good pet. Three years old. Looks like a nice, strong, healthy dog. So anybody in our viewing audience that may be interested. What's the animal shelter's number?"

Unidentified: "369-6189."

Supervisor Walter: "369-6189. All right. Thank you very much for bringing Diamond up. Bye-bye Diamond. That's right, she wants to stay. Someone in the audience- (inaudible) you want to take Diamond? Come on, Mitch. Diamond can go home with you.

All right. We are— John, make a motion to approve the minutes?"

Councilman Dunleavy: "I make a motion we approve the April 20th, 2011 minutes of the town board. So moved."

Councilman Gabrielsen: "And seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The minutes are approved."

Supervisor Walter: "Okay. Correspondence."

CORRESPONDENCE:

Valerie & Clifford Macaulay	letter regarding the proposed local law to amend Chapter 108 accessory apartments 108-34
Deborah Fairbrother Esq.	letter regarding the proposed local law to amend Chapter 108 accessory apartments 108-34
Petition	In support of expansion of proposed amendment of Chapter 108 zoning Article VIII of the town of Riverhead town code: accessory apartments in the Industrial C zoning use district
Kathy Biggers	email regarding concerns about Wading River
Chris and Deanna Jakubowski	email regarding concerns about Wading River
Jean Trentini	email regarding concerns about Wading River
Pastor Daniel Orellana	request for a prayer walk on July 16, 2011
Riverhead Neighborhood	letter re EMB Sound Avenue site

Preservation Coalition plan review
Inc.

Riverhead Neighborhood letter re country inn code and
Preservation Coalition zoning
Inc.

Regina Seltzer, Esq. letter re EMB Sound Avenue site
plan review

APPLICATIONS:

Fireworks Riverhead raceway July 2, 2011
and August 20, 2011

REPORTS:

Tax Receiver Total tax collection dated May
2, 2011 - \$66,461,978.35

Total utility collection dated
May 2, 2011 - \$187,835.20

Supervisor Walter: "All right. Thank you. Any committee
reports?"

Councilman Wooten: "I'd just like to thank everybody that
came out last Saturday for the Riverhead clean up day. The anti-
litter ran a clean up day. We had about 45 people, different
groups, and we targeted areas throughout the town for clean up. And
it was a good day. It was a beautiful morning and we were done by
noon. It was good.

So I'd like to thank them all.

Supervisor Walter: "All right, thank- "

Councilman Gabrielsen: "And I'd just like to make an
announcement that the Suffolk County Legislature has just appointed
my brother Carl to Suffolk County Planning Commission. So I think
that's a win-win for Riverhead because our voice will be heard loud
and clear."

Supervisor Walter: "I- you're exactly right on that point.
And Carl's a farmer and that's one of the things we were looking to
do is get a farmer on the regional planning board- Suffolk County

Planning Board- Commission rather so that our interests are represented from the farming community.

Tough day with the tongue today.

All right. Anybody else? All right.

We have two public hearings.

Public hearing opened: 2:10 p.m.

Supervisor Walter: "One that starts at 2:05; 2:05 having arrived. This is a consideration of renaming the southerly portion of Horton Avenue, a Riverhead town road, to Caffrey Court.

Does anybody wish to be heard on this matter? Okay. The family had petitioned us to name this Caffrey Court. I will close the public comment portion of the hearing and leave it open to written comment to May 13th, Friday, May 13th at 4:30 in the town clerk's office.

Anybody is interested they can drop a letter to the town clerk and the board will get it. Great."

Public hearing closed: 2:10 p.m.
Left open for written comment for
10 days to May 13, 2011

Public hearing opened: 2:10 p.m.

Supervisor Walter: "2:10 having arrived and it still being 2:10, this is a consideration of a proposed local law to amend Chapter 101 of the Riverhead town code entitled Vehicles and Traffic, Article III, traffic regulations, Section 101-7 Turns Kroemer Avenue.

And this has to do with turns off of Kroemer Avenue onto Route 58. And we have a distinguished guest today, Mr. Bill Hillman.

Do you want to- I'm going to let you describe what this is. If you want to set it up so that the camera and the board can kind of see, do the best we can with it. And if you stand at the podium, just pull the microphone to you over there and you can speak right from there."

Robert Kozakiewicz: "Mr. Supervisor, I have just one thing I wanted to add and a couple of iterations of the map that was attached, it says no left turn. It should be a right turn only just to be clear is what it should be. And the reason for that is because the left turn- not left turn at Kroemer Avenue intersection would allow traffic to continue through Route 58 northerly where Applebees is located and that is not what I understand is the intention of Suffolk County DPW nor what was the intent of the public hearing.

There was some- I think a little bit of discrepancy with the map and what was actually drafted in the text. So I just wanted to make sure it's clarified. It's right turn only, not no left turn."

Councilman Wooten: "Does that change the section of law from 107 Article III or- "

Robert Kozakiewicz: "It's still 101-7. That- the section is correct but for some reason there were different versions of the map- there was a final version that was generated from our engineering department which should have said right turn only, not no left turn."

Councilman Wooten: "Okay."

Councilwoman Giglio: "And so that the public is aware, this is a result of an application that was made by Super Wal Mart for property on Route 58 or Old Country Road and the application was made to the town of Riverhead several years ago and they have made application to Suffolk County DPW and these are the recommendations that Suffolk County DPW is about to present to us."

Supervisor Walter: "And, Bill, if you could just give us your name. You're going to have to be sworn in because this is a public hearing and what you do for the Department of Public Works. That would be great."

William Hillman: "My name is William Hillman. I am the chief engineer for Suffolk County DPW."

Robert Kozakiewicz: "Mr. Hillman, I'm going to ask you to raise your right hand and repeat after me.

Do you swear that the testimony that you are about to receive will be the whole truth and nothing but the truth, so help you God?"

William Hillman: "Yes."

Robert Kozakiewicz: "Thank you."

Supervisor Walter: "Thank you, Mr. Hillman. If you could just let us know what's going on, that would be great."

William Hillman: "Sure. Do you mind if I- "

Supervisor Walter: "Absolutely."

William Hillman: "Thank you very much for giving me the opportunity to explain why we are requesting this."

As you are aware, Suffolk County has made approximately a 12 million dollar investment in improving the capacity on County Road 58. The choices we all make moving forward will either go to maintaining that capacity and some of the decisions we won't all jointly make can have a detrimental effect on maintaining that capacity.

So this is one of those opportunities where a choice we will make can either have a positive or negligible effect on maintaining the capacity.

When the development came in for our review, they were originally proposing- this is- yeah, this is the original proposal, no, I'm sorry, the subsequent proposal.

This is the Tanger entrance, okay. They were originally proposing left turns out at Tanger, the main entrance of Tanger, and running what we call a split phase, that would require the entrance of Tanger cycling, going green, then the Wal Mart to go green, then to go to County Road 58, and also the left turns.

So when you operate a signal on one- letting the one side street go, then the opposite side street, it takes a lot of time off of the main line so from a traffic engineering standpoint, we try and avoid this split phasing as much as possible.

So to do that, we ask them to make all the left turns go to the entrance to the east directly across from Kroemer. When they moved all the left turns to Kroemer, they needed to split phase this intersection so we were back in the same boat.

So we sat around and came up with the idea of limiting the left

turns northbound from Kroemer and also through. The estimated volume after Wal Mart is built would be approximately in the peak hour, I think it was about 13 lefts and about 10 throughs. So roughly 20 to 25 people in the peak hour would be affected by these restrictions and, I'm sorry, counsel is exactly correct. We are requesting- "

Supervisor Walter: "Mr. Kozakiewicz- "

William Hillman: "-- we are requesting restriction of the left turn and the through movement. I want to be clear on that."

Councilman Wooten: "And the through movement."

William Hillman: "And the through movement. So minimal impact on the traveling public, the people that want to make a left turn and head back towards the expressway have the opportunity to go south on Kroemer and west on 25. And they'll end up in the same spot.

So that's really not a dramatic impact. And this is access directly across. Again, you can- there are ways around. You can go down to Mill. Is it a little bit of an inconvenience for the 10 people that want to get across? Definitely, it is. But the gains for the capacity- maintaining the capacity to the thousands of vehicles that travel County Road 58 on a daily basis are-- we believe, are well worth that minimal inconvenience to the few people that would do that movement.

So we've met with- we had heard that there were some concerns from Tanger and also the Hilton Hotel, Lee Browning. We met with both of those representatives from Tanger and also Mr. Browning and we believe we've alleviated the majority of their concerns.

Mr. Browning really, once we explained it to him, had no real concerns. There's some operational issues with Tanger that we believe we resolved during some very- again, it comes to peak hours, Christmastime, Memorial Day, they have some operational issues where the police I believe come out and take control of this intersection.

They can still allow left turns by putting them on the other side of the concrete island and you would restrict movement in the southbound direction and Tanger was agreeable to that from an operational standpoint. I think it's- with police control, I think it's a doable situation.

We have not approached Chief Hegermiller on that particular issue but I don't think it's insurmountable. We've also had discussions with the planning director and he sees the warrants for something like this. So- "

Supervisor Walter: "Basically the goal here is to keep the volume of traffic moving freely on Route 58 which is a laudable goal and, you know, from my standpoint, I think the board's standpoint, thank you very much for coming up with what I see is a rather ingenious way for 12 million dollars of doubling the capacity of Route 58 and I mean these are tough decisions for the board because we don't want to impact a lot of people.

But, you know, I think we're mindful of the fact that we also- we know what Route 58 was and we don't want to go back to that."

Councilman Wooten: "Now, can I ask you something? Coming out of this new intersection, you can go straight across coming out of that going down south out on Kroemer?"

William Hillman: "Yes. Yes, you will be able to come out."

Councilman Wooten: "But you won't be able to go northbound from Kroemer into Wal Mart?"

William Hillman: "That's correct."

Councilman Wooten: "Why?"

William Hillman: "Again, the split phasing that I talked about. If- "

Councilman Wooten: "Well, you would let the eastbound come out first and then the straight traffic. Wouldn't you do that?"

William Hillman: "Well, eastbound- "

Councilman Wooten: "I mean out of Wal Mart."

William Hillman: "Southbound."

Councilman Wooten: "Yeah, if you wanted to head east on 58, you would have arrows or something- "

William Hillman: "Correct. But where it gets into split phasing is there's a double- under this configuration where we've

restricted lefts and shifted them all to here, there's a double left turn that comes out. That-- because of the geometrics, is in conflict with this left turn and the through movement."

Councilman Wooten: "I understand the left turn. I'm talking about the straight through."

William Hillman: "Yes, well, same thing. It will be in direct conflict with this double left. The geometrics don't line up so that the through movement really-- if this through movement was allowed, again, we would be forced to operate this in a split phase operation."

Councilwoman Giglio: "So I guess the only concern that I would have is the people that are coming down Kroemer Avenue that gets to the end there on Route 58 and they go, okay, I can't go left. Okay, I'm going to go straight. And there's a chance for accidents happening because they know they don't want to go east, they want to go west.

So I guess we'd have to probably put signs up on the exits on Kroemer Avenue that say detour to LIE or to westbound-- "

Councilman Wooten: "Or 25."

Councilwoman Giglio: "Or 25."

Councilman Dunleavy: "It would just be Route 25 to the expressway."

Councilman Wooten: "25 would have to be duly marked-- "

Councilman Dunleavy: "Route 25 and 58 go to the same spot. If you're going west, you're going to go the expressway-- they meet at Splish Splash. So the only other place in between is Browning's Hotel and Tanger."

Councilwoman Giglio: "So if I'm leaving Planet Fitness and I make a right and then I go, okay, now I'm at 58, I can't make a left, I can't go straight, I've got to go east. If I was pulling out of Planet Fitness and there was a sign in front of me saying if you want to head west, you've got to go to 25, that would be helpful for the businesses that are on Kroemer."

Councilman Dunleavy: "That's for the town to put up."

William Hillman: "Actually that issue- it's a very excellent point. But that issue was raised when we were meeting with the folks from Tanger and subsequently the engineers working for the developer have reached out to New York State and they will allow additional signing on 25 to indicate if you want to get to 58 use Mill which is further east or at I guess further west, I'm not sure of the connection, but additional signage on 25 to encourage people to use those routes.

Now generally this movement or this roadway is going to be used by locals. I doubt there's very many people who will be using it who aren't local. And will there be a few people who are inconvenienced? Without a doubt.

It will be a learned process. They will make the mistake once and they won't make it again.

As far as safety goes, this will be a concrete island that will direct traffic to the right and it will be extremely difficult to actually come through. They'd have to get their car moving in this direction and then come back. So- "

Councilwoman Giglio: "So on Kroemer, if I make a right on Route 58 where I'm headed west, I mean headed east, then I would say okay, I don't want to go this way, I want to go back the other way, I'd probably pull in through Carl's and try and get back out onto Kroemer to head south."

Supervisor Walter: "Hopefully, it- "

Councilwoman Giglio: "Is there going to be a divider right there on Kroemer Avenue that's going to stop people from pulling into Carl's and then trying to make a left onto Kroemer?"

William Hillman: "I'm not sure where Carl's is, so- "

Councilwoman Giglio: "Right on the corner of 58, on the southeast corner."

William Hillman: "Well, they actually would be able to- if there's entrances in here, I don't think we or the town would want to close those off, but that would be an option to come through here."

Councilwoman Giglio: "Now the entrances are on Route 58, is what I'm saying. If you make a right onto Route 58, then you'd make

a right into Carl's and then- "

William Hillman: "They could do that and, again, I think the number of vehicles that we're talking about impacting is so low that, yeah, that might happen once or twice, but, again, once they make that mistake, I don't think they'll do it again. Because you just have- if you're coming from the east, whether you turn up Mill or Kroemer, it doesn't really make a difference. You know, it's- "

Councilwoman Giglio: "You have deliveries that are coming to pick stuff up and then heading back out and trying to get back out to the expressway- "

Supervisor Walter: "Yeah. But I think that everybody will come out 25 and as Mr. Hillman said, if you make that mistake once, you're not going to do it again."

Councilman Dunleavy: "They would have to restrict that traffic themselves."

William Hillman: "Anytime you make a change in traffic patterns that people are used to, there's going to be invariably some hiccups and some bumps in the road. People need to learn those new traffic patterns without a doubt."

Councilman Wooten: "Well it's problematic now with the Hilton, like you said, rerouting. That whole entrance was- how it got past site plan is beyond me but we had the same problem here I think. One way you can get out and head east, the other way you can't. One way is strictly westbound only, the other exit from Waldbaums- "

William Hillman: "Well, Wal Mart will have access- "

Councilman Wooten: "The westerly one which is strictly west."

William Hillman: "Yes. And I mean they connect. I wish I had a larger plan here to show you but, you know, if you're, okay, you have that. I mean these two connect so I understand your comparison to Lee Brownings but I don't fully agree that it's the same because this development has access, both eastbound and westbound.

Lees is a little different because of the- I agree, that's restricted. We all are working on that.

Another point that you bring me to. This parcel here is open space presently and when this is developed, we will be able to correct the geometrics I spoke of that don't allow us to operate this simultaneously.

Basically we need property here is what it comes down to. So when they come in for something, we would work with your planning department to say, listen, let's realign these intersections and allow left turns and through movements again.

Now, I can't tell you when that will happen. It could be 20 years from now, it could be 20 days from now."

Supervisor Walter: "Okay. But I mean the key for the board and for the public to understand is, I mean, one it's a temporary, it could be a temporary thing but, two, is that we've come a long way from the Route 58 that was two lanes, one lane, back into two lanes, back into one lane, and we don't want to— we want the development on Route 58, we want the tax base, we want the shopping, but within that we still have to make some concessions so that we don't impact the traffic and bring us back to where we were.

And this is one of those concessions."

William Hillman: "Very well said. Much better than I could say it."

Supervisor Walter: "Mr. Hillman, I'm going to see. Does anyone else from the public want to be heard? Yes. Mr. Hillman, if you could put that back up and everyone is used to speaking from the podium."

Robert Kozakiewicz: "Mr. Mastropaolo, do you solemnly swear to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth in the testimony that you are about to give to the town board?"

Sal Mastropaolo: "I do."

Robert Kozakiewicz: "Thank you."

Sal Mastropaolo: "Two things. One is by making that no left hand turn, you've totally created a safety problem with all the cars exiting Carl's. When I go to Carl's, I never pull out onto 58, I go to Kroemer, I wait for the light, I make a left and I go west. Okay."

Councilman Wooten: "Not anymore."

Sal Mastropaolo: "You now have a safety problem. In addition, every Saturday night Riverhead raceway is open and the overflow parking parks in Carl's. They now have the ability to go to Kroemer, wait for the light, and make the left. You shut that off, every one of those cars is going to be trying to get out onto 58 to make a left to go west."

So you can't just measure the traffic, you know, 25 cars on a normal business day. What about every Saturday night and every time Riverhead raceway is open, including some Sunday afternoon races. You should take that into consideration because you're creating a safety problem there."

Supervisor Walter: "Thank you, Sal. Yes, sir, step up. Oh, I'm sorry, Sandra. Just be careful. That wire is very loose."

Robert Kozakiewicz: "Okay. I'm going to ask you to raise your right hand. Hello. That's okay."

Do you solemnly swear the testimony you about to give to the town board to be the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, so help you God?"

Ken Lebohner: "I do."

Robert Kozakiewicz: "Thank you."

Supervisor Walter: "State your name and hamlet for the record."

Ken Lebohner: "My name is Ken Lebohner. I live in Aquebogue. I have some big issues with this, but first let me explain to you what you all know. I spent 28 years in the traffic signal maintenance industry, working for Wellsback Electric (phonetic); Johnson Electric; LK Comstock (phonetic); and before a lot of people here, Littlefield Alger (phonetic)."

When I look at the proposal, as this gentleman said, you're going to have a lot of people on raceway night, other times that want to make that left turn by Carl's."

There's no reason why you can't have that left turn and I'm going to throw some words out to you. One is a present loop. That's where they have a series of loops which is wire that is cut,

wire is buried in the road, and they'll have a series of these. Timings are kept very low.

As these people come along, the controller, the machine, reads this and if there's a gap, because somebody is dilly-dallying around and that reads a gap there, it shuts it down. They have to wait for the next cycle to come.

There's also what they call volume density. This is basically within the same realm as the present loop but it counts cars. And as it's counting these cars, it is making adjustment to the traffic signal.

Again these are used all over the place. They're used extensively in Nassau County and that's where I got most of my experience.

I think we ought to send this back to the engineers and let them look at this because when I come out of Carl's and my wife calls me, she says she wants me to get something at Applebees for supper, where do I go? All the way around or all the way up this way on 58 and have to come back."

Supervisor Walter: "You can go to Main Street. There's a lot of new restaurants, Ken."

Ken Lebohner: "I (inaudible) part of what you people are saying. I have a big improvement. I just had cochlear implants put in and it is working great."

Councilman Dunleavy: "Can I just ask you a question?"

Ken Lebohner: "But I can't get everything you're saying."

Councilman Dunleavy: "I want to ask you a question. Even if the streets do not line up, you can do this? These streets do not line up. Can you do this on streets that do not line up?"

Ken Lebohner: "Oh, sure. It's just a separate movement. It's what he says, there's overlaps. They can do whatever they want. They've made a disaster out of Pulaski and Riverhead Center. The people in Riverhead Center can't get out because of the way they have, not so much the road, but these people want to go straight to go north or go right. These people coming out to go south and make the left turn to go east, sit there because they don't know what's happening.

Go down there and look at that sometime. I tried (inaudible)."

Councilman Dunleavy: "That's only a 13 second light."

Ken Lebohner: "I tried to get an appointment with Suffolk County, I started last November with Bob Hillman, okay. I'll get back to you. This was before Thanksgiving. Here we are in May and he still hasn't- "

Councilman Dunleavy: "Thank you."

Supervisor Walter: "Well, let's focus, Mr. Lebohner, let's focus on this public hearing."

Councilman Wooten: "Thank you."

Councilman Dunleavy: "Thank you."

Councilman Wooten: "I'll answer one question that you had. If your wife wanted Applebees, you'd get there any way you could. Okay, thanks."

Supervisor Walter: "Well, Mr. Lebohner, we want you to shop on Main Street, too, so you can always loop back and we've got a lot of new restaurants. All right."

Is there anything else, Mr. Lebohner?"

Ken Lebohner: "This is with Suffolk County. First of all, or second of all, what's the cycle length on 58?"

Supervisor Walter: "We're going to have Mr. Hillman come back up because he's sort of our expert here."

Ken Lebohner: "That means a lot, the cycle length, what they can do. There's no reason why they can't extend it for 10 seconds."

Supervisor Walter: "All right. Thank you, sir. You could that back in there, I don't want to lose the wire. Put it, yeah, if you could put it back in."

Councilwoman Giglio: "Mr. Hillman, on Route 58- "

Supervisor Walter: "Jodi, he's got to come up to the microphone to speak and we had Sandra Mott come up."

Councilwoman Giglio: "Oh, I'm sorry."

Sandra Mott: "Do you want so swear me in?"

Robert Kozakiewicz: "Yes. Do you solemnly swear that the testimony you about to give, to be the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, so help you God?"

Sandra Mott: "Yes."

Robert Kozakiewicz: "Thank you."

Sandra Mott: "Sandra Lee Mott, Riverhead. We've been out here 17, almost 18 years and we've listened through many of these conversations about Route 58 and since we actually live right off of Route 58 in Glenwood Village which ironically it took two to three years for me to push for a light so we could make a left out of Glenwood Village which actually didn't even show up on the Route 58 corridor study maps."

Councilman Wooten: "That's PC Richards."

Sandra Mott: "They said to me what community. I said what community? It's been here 45 years as such, 500 units, a thousand-1,500 cars not counting visitors, vendors, etc."

So my first question was when was this survey of the 10 to 12 cars local taken? What month was that done?"

Supervisor Walter: "We could ask Mr. Hillman if he has that-I'm going to have him come up and answer these questions."

Sandra Mott: "Because that really is the start of the problem here. If you don't have the right numbers, as we all know numbers can be manipulated any which way you want. That's the problem we had at Glenwood because we were told, one, we didn't have enough cars exiting. They did it in the middle of the winter. Of course, they didn't have enough cars."

First, most people don't drive as often as they might. Many people in Glenwood in particular go south."

Supervisor Walter: "They're in Florida."

Sandra Mott: "They're in Florida, North Carolina, wherever. They're not here. So your statistics have to start with clean

information. They're information, one, we didn't exist; and, two, they're doing it in the dead of winter for numbers and that's— I think Sid indicated the racetrack or the other gentleman about the racetrack. That's a summer issue. No one's taking any of those numbers into consideration.

As I said, it took two to three years for the lights to be finally placed and everyone complained when PC Richards came and I think it was Ford at the time was at the intersection. As far as I'm concerned, that's my left turn signal at that intersection because I knew everybody by their first name, all your major engineers, no you, sir, but the other ones. They've come and gone at this point.

They actually stood on the corner and agreed that there was a problem because the numbers didn't jive. You need to recalculate your numbers."

Supervisor Walter: "I, Sandra, I can remember as a deputy town attorney, I'm sure Supervisor Kozakiewicz can remember you coming up, talking about that many, many times. You're right. You had that tremendous amount to do with that light."

Sandra Mott: "I thank you very much. And it's safety, it's strictly safety. Most of my concerns in this town, not having been from here originally but regardless it's a safety matter and people do want to go left for whatever reason. A lot of people didn't grow up around here, they want to go back to Nassau County and if you get in a convoluted— it's only going to affect a few people and they can go down and around and all around and about.

First of all, have you looked at the gas prices recently? People want to go from A to B, not from A to Z and back to B. They don't want that.

Police coverage would have to be increased there, we already have enough issues with accidents because the gentleman said locals would learn— since mostly locals would be affected, the learned ones and then— it would happen once and then they would learn. Yeah, probably most likely getting into an accident.

And I've always pushed for circle versus these convoluted intersections whether it was what they did at Mill and Route 58 or what they did further down by the DMV, I guess on Main Street, East Main Street, and then it meshes into Doctor's Path, I think, one of the roadways.

These all could have been helped by simple circles or rotaries whichever they're calling them these days and they don't cost as much, they don't have all the cement involved, they're actually quite pretty if they're maintained. You have one at the hospital circle.

So there are other options and as the gentleman who has the expertise for many years he said, they need to take this back to the drawing board and let people know that there are other options and be open to them and not say we're going to do this and you're not going to be able to make a left, you're not going to be able to do this.

People don't want to hear what they're not going to be able to do. They just want to be safely going from point A to point B and if it's Applebees, they want to be able to go over there, too.

Thank you very much."

Supervisor Walter: "Thank you."

Councilman Dunleavy: "Thank you."

Supervisor Walter: "Anybody else wish to be heard on this subject? Okay. Mr. Hillman, if you could-- there's a couple issues. I'm going to start with some of the questions that the people have raised and then the council, I think they have a couple questions.

Do we know what month the survey was taken? Miss Mott was-- she's right. I mean the month could make a difference because that ties into the Riverhead raceway and the parking at Carl's which I'm sure Carl's probably doesn't necessarily want but does have."

William Hillman: "She's absolutely correct. However, the answer is it doesn't matter because what we do as traffic engineers, we have graphs as to-- if you take a count in a particular month, if it's a low month there's a factor to increase it and then if it's in a high month, there's a factor to decrease it so that you're constantly using normalized traffic volumes."

Supervisor Walter: "Okay."

William Hillman: "So she is correct that the month matters."

Supervisor Walter: "It does matter but you adjust the numbers to as you said normalize it or come up with sort of a-- is it a

median or a mean?"

William Hillman: "It would probably be a what we call an 85th percentile- "

Supervisor Walter: "Okay. You're even higher than- "

William Hillman: "Yeah. You don't design for 100% because if we did- or the peak peak time periods, because if you did, we would have six, seven lanes to handle those peak periods and you wouldn't use that 85% of the time so that's why it's 85th percentiles, the typical goal."

Supervisor Walter: "All right. There were three other questions. They all come into Mr. Lebohner's- was did we consider- what was the cycle length, the volume density and did we consider a series of loops. Does that mean something to you, those three things?"

William Hillman: "Yes, it does. I'm a traffic engineer at heart so I understood completely what he was saying.

Unfortunately I don't think those solutions apply here."

Supervisor Walter: "Could you just explain why or what they are?"

William Hillman: "Certainly."

Supervisor Walter: "I'm a lawyer by trade and don't understand all this high- "

William Hillman: "He first identified what's called a presence loop and that would- and it's an excellent idea. However, it would still need split phasing.

The goal here is to eliminate split phasing. The presence loop, the way it operates is it only calls for that side street to go green if somebody is sitting there. So if a vehicle pulls up and makes a right turn, a legal- not illegal but a legal right turn, it's not going to go. The signal is not going to go green.

So what he's implying is you can cut- and you can by utilizing that type of loop, you can cut down tremendously on the number of times that that side street goes green.

However, even with 25 vehicles making lefts and throughs, I don't know what the cycle length is. However, my guess is it's probably about a hundred seconds per cycle. That would yield roughly 45 cycles per hour.

So if you have every- if you have 25 vehicles wanting to do those movements in an hour, that means 25 out of the 40, in all likelihood, 25 out of the 45 cycles will go- you'll need to bring that green- that side street green up.

So again the split- we would be required to do a split phasing and therefore you'd have eight seconds of green time minimum and then you'd also have the clearance period which would probably be another eight seconds. So you're talking 16 seconds of green time that would essentially be lost on the artery."

Supervisor Walter: "Stack up the traffic on the other end."

William Hillman: "Yeah. And when I explained cycle lengths and times, you can't just add 10 seconds to a cycle. It's a- you have to think of a cycle length as a pie, a circular pie, and- or a clock, 60 seconds- 60 units whether be 120 seconds or 100 seconds, it's still a circular number of units. And you're working percentages.

So if we were to reduce green time on the artery by 16 seconds, it's an overall percentage reduction so you can't just say, well, give it 10 more seconds, it's a common mistake made, say give it 10 more seconds and- but you can't create time.

So we work in percentages. And ultimately if you have to do what we call the split phasing, you will lose probably in the order of 15% of your green time on the artery. Those are just rough numbers."

Supervisor Walter: "And that backs up- "

Councilman Dunleavy: "You have that down at Mill Road and 58, exactly if someone wants to make a left turn, you'll get a left turn arrow. If there's no one in that left turn lane, you will not get a left turn arrow, you will just get a green to go straight. So that's at Mill Road and 58 now that split timing you have."

William Hillman: "Well, I don't know if that one is split phased, but that type of loop is definitely there, yes. That's a presence loop."

Councilman Dunleavy: "That's what's there."

William Hillman: "And there's also delayed- you can put delays on the loops and those are all good solutions. However, again, with the geometrics are driving this."

If we're able to line the lanes up better, we wouldn't be having this discussion."

Supervisor Walter: "If we owned the property, we wouldn't be having this discussion."

I have to ask you a couple questions because you are technically our expert so I want to jump in here and kind of qualify you as an expert.

Can you just give us your curriculum vitae for a moment, engineer, how long?"

William Hillman: "Certainly. I'm a graduate of the University of Hartford with a Bachelor's in Civil Engineering. I've been doing civil engineering and mostly traffic engineering for roughly 21 years."

Supervisor Walter: "And you are a chief- "

William Hillman: "I'm a professional engineer. I hold a professional engineer's license and I'm also the chief engineer of Suffolk County Department of Public Works."

Supervisor Walter: "Okay, thank you. That qualifies as an expert."

Does the board have other questions?"

Councilwoman Giglio: "Yes. Looking at the larger picture, it appears as though we have several large parcels on Route 58 that are either being developed or capable of future development with renovations, etc., and the larger lots bring more people obviously which is why we run into this problem here with people actually getting out and on to Route 58."

And I know the county is not happy about traffic lights all along Route 58, as we are not. We don't want to see lights stacked up. And it is our goal as a town to create cross access easements between parcels in order to eliminate the number of curb cuts on

Route 58 so that everybody is coming out at one point where there is a light and they can travel safely.

The concern that I have is that on the southeast corner where you say when they come in at later date and they have future development, that is a significantly small parcel. So we are either going to be taking a big bite out of their property to accommodate these future changes that you're talking about which could also inhibit the type of development that could happen on this property and the amount of parking that would normally provide for that parcel.

So I'm curious as to what type of future plan you are looking at. Is it the widening of Kroemer as you're headed northbound so that you can make a left, and is there money being put aside by Wal Mart because Wal Mart is- you know, we'll be happy to have them here but they are impacting the development of this small parcel on the southeast corner and what can be built there.

So is the County doing bond estimates or bid estimates to account for this future traffic cycle so that you have that money so that when this person- these people, whoever comes in for the development of that smaller parcel, they- with the restriction on what they can build. I mean we're basically condemning it by allowing this traffic cycle to occur."

William Hillman: "Well, a lot of points there. Let me just- and if I miss a few, just remind me of them. But I would start with I'm not- I'm visualizing an aerial in my head but I don't think the parcel is all that small. It's narrow but I believe it's fairly deep. I think it's fairly deep down Kroemer."

(Some inaudible discussion)

Supervisor Walter: "It's 1.74 acres."

Councilwoman Giglio: "But it's deep so if it's a narrow lot on Route 58 then you're going to be taking away- "

Supervisor Walter: "Come up here, nobody's going to hear you."

William Hillman: "The other point I'd like to make. You know, assuming all those parcels are connected, it would be I think a decent size parcel. However, the owner would be dedicating that property for the benefit of the public and the town board, the

zoning board, the planning board would all be able to— since he's doing that, allow him a building size and that meets— "

Supervisor Walter: "That makes sense. In other words, he won't be penalized for lot coverage because he has to give up part of the lot."

William Hillman: "And that's common."

Councilwoman Giglio: "But what dollar amount are we talking about, about widening this road here?"

William Hillman: "And that's an excellent point that has not been taken into consideration."

Councilwoman Giglio: "That's a town road and I would hate to see that fall back on the taxpayers."

William Hillman: "Well, honestly, it would probably fall on that developer, whoever it is. I mean that's how we would handle it. If the town in its wisdom wanted to hold funds from Wal Mart to assist in getting that done, I mean that's their choice. But if it were left in our hands, the way we would handle it is whoever came in to develop that, we would require them to— I mean it's an open space parcel right now.

When they're putting their curb in, they would need to put it back a certain distance. And, again, the impact would probably be, I don't know, probably anywhere from five to ten feet across the frontage."

Supervisor Walter: "Hold on."

Councilwoman Giglio: "Okay. So it's 250 feet by 250 feet. So how much of a chunk of that property would you need on Kroemer Avenue to— "

William Hillman: "Probably five foot across the frontage of Kroemer, five to ten feet across the frontage of Kroemer. So if that frontage is— is that 250 or 200?"

Councilwoman Giglio: "The frontage was— on Route 58 was—"

William Hillman: "No, on Kroemer."

Councilwoman Giglio: "On Kroemer, 248, 250."

William Hillman: "Two fifty on Kroemer. Yeah, so you'd be looking maximum maybe 2500 square feet, 10 feet wide, probably maximum along Kroemer."

Councilwoman Giglio: "Because then that would be southbound traffic from Wal Mart or from Kroemer- "

William Hillman: "Correct. You'd be able to shift the lanes and line them up better from Kroemer to the entrance over by Applebees, Wal Mart."

Councilwoman Giglio: "Okay, thank you. It's a bigger parcel than what it looks like on this map that I have."

William Hillman: "Now, let me just address some safety concerns that were brought up and I think some of the board has touched on it."

When vehicles exit a parcel on 58 presently, the majority of them don't have access to a traffic signal. The majority of them are crossing four lanes of traffic if they want to make a left out of that parcel, two travel lanes in the opposite direction, a center turn lane and then entering into the left lane. I don't know if I explained that very well but- "

Supervisor Walter: "We understand."

William Hillman: "So Carl's would be put in that same situation and there's hundreds of parcels that are in that same situation and I'm not saying that that's a desirable situation but there are parcels out there that operate under that same condition all over."

And I would also say that we possibly could- I don't know where the entrance for Carl's is on Kroemer, but number one, the entrance could be shifted fully to the south and the median could be shortened to allow someone to at least make a left in from the side street. The left out, you know, going to the signal, we prefer people to go to a traffic signal to make a left out and we encourage people to do that.

In this instance, we would be restricting that. That is an excellent point but as far as safety, it does have a minor impact to safety.

As far as the geometrics of the intersection and safety, again,

we would be constructing or we would be requiring the developer to construct, a concrete median which would direct the traffic and we believe that that would- if we were doing that with pavement markings and paint, I would wholeheartedly agree that you could have some traffic safety issues.

However, when it's a concrete raised median and you're giving clear direction to the motorists and forcing them to go in one direction, I don't think we'll have safety issues there."

Councilman Dunleavy: "As far as the racetrack is concerned, I don't think that's a legal parking spot for the racetrack. People park there because they don't want to go into the racetrack and wait on line to get out when they're exiting. So when Carl's is closed, they're using his parking lot to park there. So it's not an overflow for the racetrack. It's just that people want to use it because they don't want to go into the racetrack parking lot."

William Hillman: "And I would also- I don't know the operation of the racetrack, but do the police come out and operate? Do they- "

Councilman Dunleavy: "No, there's no police as they exit."

Councilwoman Giglio: "The median to the south of Route 58 on Kroemer Avenue, how far back is that coming right now? I see it on the map to the right up here. Is that coming back, the concrete median, is that 250 feet? Because it looks like Carl's has the same depth on Kroemer."

William Hillman: "Yeah, it's definitely not 250 feet. I don't know the distance of it but- okay, so the driveway on Kroemer for Carl's is south of the median."

Councilwoman Giglio: "Okay, great."

Supervisor Walter: "That whole Carl's intersection if I'm not mistaken is just one big parking lot opened up. It's one big parking lot on the whole corner. You can enter it (inaudible) if you wanted to.

You're going to probably make it safer because you're going to restrict it a little bit more. Now you can come out anywhere you want to at Carl's which is I mean that's the way it was built and- all right."

Councilwoman Giglio: "But I'm happy you can get out of Carl's onto Kroemer Avenue and make a left to 25 so that Wading River residents can take 25 all the way back in rather than Route 58 which ties into 25 anyway."

Supervisor Walter: "Does anybody else wish to be heard? Mr. Hillman, thank you very much. And I know that you are a busy man, we really appreciate having you come out to the town hall like this. We could not have done this hearing without you. You've provided invaluable information to us."

Enjoy the rest of the evening and tell your boss I said hello. He's a good man.

All right. I'll close the public comment portion of the hearing and I'm going to leave it open for written comment until May 13th, that's Friday, May 13th at 4:30 in the town clerk's office."

Public hearing closed: 2:55 p.m.
Left open for 10 days for written
comment to Friday, May 13, 2011 at
4:30 p.m.

Supervisor Walter: "Okay, resolutions. Does anybody wish to be heard on resolutions? Sal, we missed you last week."

Sal Mastropaolo: "Yeah, well, I was here Tuesday night."

Supervisor Walter: "We were almost here to Tuesday night, too."

Sal Mastropaolo: "324. Just a quick question on the Be It Further Resolved.

Is that \$200 per officer or \$200 in total? It's not clear."

Supervisor Walter: "Chief, is that per officer? It's the resolution to send them to the marine patrol school up in- upstate. Two hundred tops, okay. That's the way it looks like it reads."

Sal Mastropaolo: "332. On the fourth page, in the definitions, do we have an incorporated area of the town of Riverhead?"

Councilman Dunleavy: "No."

Sal Mastropaolo: "So why don't you just strike unincorporated areas and just say highways within the town of Riverhead? And then it wouldn't be confusing."

Supervisor Walter: "That would require another public hearing. Which one was it?"

Sal Mastropaolo: "Transportation for hire and vehicle for hire. The last line says highways within the unincorporated areas of the town of Riverhead."

Supervisor Walter: "I'm looking at what paragraph you are looking at."

Sal Mastropaolo: "It's the definitions, transportation for hire."

Supervisor Walter: "Okay."

Sal Mastropaolo: "And under terminal, add an "e" to base."

(Some inaudible discussion)

Supervisor Walter: "I don't think that would. That's not a material change. All right. We're going to amend that, Sal. I think-- "

Sal Mastropaolo: "Section 99-21, prohibited activities by passengers. The activities by passengers set forth herein are unlawful. There's nothing set forth herein. I couldn't find anything."

Supervisor Walter: "We haven't made anything illegal yet. We might."

Sal Mastropaolo: "Okay."

Supervisor Walter: "Okay."

Sal Mastropaolo: "Section 99-24, penalty for offenses. The second offense says not more than \$1,500 but not less than 500. The third offense does not say anything about not more than. It just says not less than. Should there be a not more than number like \$2,500? Or is it unlimited?"

Supervisor Walter: "It's unlimited I guess but, no, it's written unlimited. We reduced everything because it was a lot higher. But the way it's written, it's unlimited. I don't think you're going to get to that stage but you're right. That would be a material change."

Sal Mastropaolo: "Resolution 334. I guess this was discussed at the last meeting. The north side of Remsen Road at the intersection of North Country is the church and the only time there's parking there on the road itself is on a Saturday night if it's crowded the parking lots, and on a Sunday. The rest of the week nobody parks there on the street."

I mean why are we prohibiting parking? I can understand if you're prohibiting for the first 25 feet between the exit from the parking lot and the corner but I don't understand why you're prohibiting it on the hill, okay, between the entrance and the exit.

Or is it the homeowner across the street has a problem and he wants to take it out on the church?"

Supervisor Walter: "Chief, would you like to address that? We'll have the police- Dave, if you could- "

Councilman Dunleavy: "The microphone."

Chief Hegermiller: "We've been told that there's actually- the entrance is up further north and then the exit is down south towards North Country Road. We found out that if there's parking on the north side of Remsen between those two exists, it actually backs up the traffic coming out from the upper parking lot onto Remsen Road and then when that starts to back up, no one can go anywhere. It's like grid locked. And then it backs up on North Country Road, too."

Supervisor Walter: "We'll say that the police chief, Officer Al (inaudible) and some others were there, 604, has been regularly there on Saturday- Sunday mornings at the 9:15 and 11:15 so we thank them for coming out and helping us out."

Sal Mastropaolo: "339. There's no copy attached."

Supervisor Walter: "Which one?"

Sal Mastropaolo: "339. Second line says execute a license agreement, copy attached herewith. But there was no copy. So just make sure you have one with the resolution."

Supervisor Walter: "We do."

Sal Mastropaolo: "Thank you."

Supervisor Walter: "All right. Anybody else wish to be heard on the resolutions? Okay. Julie, if you want to call them."

Resolution #314

Councilman Dunleavy: "2011 Chips reconstruction road improvement project budget adoption. So moved."

Councilman Wooten: "Second."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #315

Councilman Wooten: "Authorizes release of developer money Baiting Hollow Club. So moved."

Councilman Gabrielsen: "And seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #316

Councilman Gabrielsen: "2009 Calverton rail capital project budget adjustment. So moved."

Councilwoman Giglio: "And seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #317

Councilwoman Giglio: "Authorizes release of developer money Cedar Cove subdivision. So moved."

Councilman Dunleavy: "And seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #318

Councilman Dunleavy: "Pump out vessel budget adoption. So moved."

Councilman Wooten: "Second."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #319

Councilman Wooten: "Stoneleigh retirement community Phase 2 water extension capital project budget adjustment. So moved."

Councilman Gabrielsen: "And seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #320

Councilman Gabrielsen: "Unemployment insurance reserve fund budget adjustment. So moved."

Councilwoman Giglio: "And seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #321

Councilwoman Giglio: "Approves temporary sign permit of Mattituck Lions Club. So moved."

Councilman Dunleavy: "And seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #322

Councilman Dunleavy: "Awards bid installation of water mains and appurtenances, Stoneleigh Woods, Phase 2 Riverhead water district. So moved."

Councilman Wooten: "Seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #323

Councilman Wooten: "Authorizes town clerk to advertise for bids on 2007 ASV 100HP track skid steer loader or equal. So moved."

Councilman Gabrielsen: "And seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #324

Councilman Gabrielsen: "Ratifies the attendance of two police department employees to a New York State Marine Law Enforcement and Marine Patrol Vessel operator course. So moved."

Councilwoman Giglio: "And seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, absolutely; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #325

Councilwoman Giglio: "Authorizes the supervisor to execute a stipulation with Local 1000, AFSCME, AFL-CIO, Riverhead unit of the Suffolk Local #852. So moved."

Councilman Dunleavy: "And seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #326

Councilman Dunleavy: "Authorizes the repeal of employees retirement pursuant to early retirement incentive program Chapter 37, Article IV, for eligible full time police officers who are members of the Riverhead Police Department Benevolent Association, Inc. (PBA). So moved."

Councilman Wooten: "I'll second."

Supervisor Walter: "This wasn't in the package, Tara."

(Inaudible comment)

Supervisor Walter: "Okay. So- "

Councilman Dunleavy: "We didn't have one member apply for this."

Supervisor Walter: "So we're repealing it then. Okay. Nobody retired from the police department so we're repealing the statute. Okay. All right. We're repealing the statute. We didn't do that the last time but we're going to do that in the future. But we didn't do it for the other- can you come up- I'm sorry, Meg, just so everybody can hear you."

This was- we're repealing the section of the law that allowed for the police to take the early retirement incentive because nobody took the incentive. So we're going to strike the law from the books, correct?"

Meg: "Yes, that's correct."

Supervisor Walter: "So and that's- we didn't do that in the other cases because people did take the incentive?"

Meg: "Yeah. The first time we offered the incentive, it was only for the CSEA and we had people who took it so there was no need to. And this time around we offered three incentives and there were people from both the non-union and the CSEA units who were going to take it. So- "

Supervisor Walter: "Okay. All right. It makes sense. Continue the vote. Does it make sense to you guys?"

Councilwoman Giglio: "Yup."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #327

Councilman Wooten: "This appoints a part time senior account clerk typist in the water district. So moved."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Oh, I'm sorry."

Councilman Gabrielsen: "And seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #328

Councilman Gabrielsen: "Accepts the resignation of a call in detention attendant. So moved."

Councilwoman Giglio: "And seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #329

Councilwoman Giglio: "Appoints temporary clerks to the tax receiver's office. So moved."

Councilman Dunleavy: "And seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #330

Councilman Dunleavy: "Classifies action and declares lead agency on special permit of Chernoff Realty medical building and calls for a public hearing. So moved."

Councilman Wooten: "I'll second."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #331

Councilman Wooten: "Awards bid for diesel fuel. So moved."

Councilman Gabrielsen: "And seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #332

Councilman Gabrielsen: "Page four, right?."

Supervisor Walter: "Page four, we're going to— Julie, did you see where we're doing that on page four on the transportation for hire? We're going to strike out within to the period. So it will

end at highways. Okay?"

(Some inaudible discussion)

Robert Kozakiewicz: "Strike out the word the unincorporated areas of. So those four words come out. And above that in terminal, I see where you have also (inaudible). It should be base."

Supervisor Walter: "Okay. Move that as amended."

Councilman Gabrielsen: "Okay. Adopts a local law for the addition of Chapter 99 entitled taxicabs and vehicles for hire of the Riverhead town code as amended. So moved."

Councilwoman Giglio: "And seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio."

Councilwoman Giglio: "Congratulations John. Yes."

The Vote (Cont'd.): "Gabrielsen. Yes."

Councilman Gabrielsen: "Congratulations, John. Yes."

The Vote (Cont'd.): "Wooten."

Councilman Wooten: "Congratulations, John. Yes."

The Vote (Cont'd.): "Dunleavy, yes; Walter."

Supervisor Walter: "Let this be hereby known as the John Dunleavy-- what's your middle initial-- John J. Dunleavy Taxicab Ordinance. Yes."

Julie O'Neill: "The resolution is adopted, as amended."

Resolution #333

Councilwoman Giglio: "Authorizes the town clerk to publish and post public notice of public hearing to consider a proposed local law for an amendment to Chapter 101 Vehicles & Traffic of the Riverhead town code, Section 101-4, One-way streets. So moved."

Councilman Dunleavy: "And seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio."

Councilwoman Giglio: "This is just correct-- or housekeeping. So, yes."

The Vote (Cont'd.): "Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #334

Councilman Dunleavy: "Adopts a local law to amend Chapter 101 entitled Vehicles & Traffic of the Riverhead town code, Section 101-10 Parking Prohibited. So moved."

Councilman Wooten: "Second."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. Resolution is adopted."

Resolution #335

Councilman Wooten: "Authorizes the supervisor to execute a stipulation with Local 1000, AFSCME, AFL-CIO, Riverhead unit of the Suffolk Local #852. So moved."

Councilman Gabrielsen: "And seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #336

Councilman Gabrielsen: "Approves Chapter 90 application of the American Heart Association, healing heart 5K run/walk at Martha Clara Vineyard. So moved."

Councilwoman Giglio: "And seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #337

Councilwoman Giglio: "Authorizes the supervisor to execute a pilot agreement with Concern Riverhead Housing Development Fund Corporation and Concern Riverhead LLC. So moved."

Councilman Dunleavy: "And seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter."

Supervisor Walter: "Yes. And I just want to say that these guys are an asset. I know one of their organizations is sitting in the audience but these guys are really- they turned that Perkins Hotel around. They're an asset to the downtown Riverhead and it's a pleasure to come in on West Main Street every day and see that facility."

So thank you for doing a good job, sir. Yes."

Julie O'Neill: "The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #338

Councilman Dunleavy: "Authorize the supervisor to execute an agreement with Arrow Security Systems, Inc. So moved."

Councilman Wooten: "I'll second."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #339

Councilman Wooten: "It ratifies authorization for supervisor to execute a license agreement with Peacock Productions, utilize portions of town of Riverhead Edwards Avenue between Triangle Lane

and Riley Avenue, Fresh Pond Avenue, Youngs Avenue and Osborne Avenue, Riverhead for Twist of Fate for weather channel. So moved."

Councilman Gabrielsen: "And seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. I hope they don't bring twisters here. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #340

Councilman Gabrielsen: "Authorizes the supervisor to execute an agreement with Simplexgrinnell, LP. So moved."

Councilwoman Giglio: "And seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #341

Councilwoman Giglio: "Approves Chapter 90 application of the Riverhead Business Improvement District Management Association, classic car cruise nights every Thursday, May 5th through June 23rd. Yes. So moved."

Councilman Dunleavy: "And seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio."

Councilwoman Giglio: "The BID is doing a great job downtown. So, yes."

The Vote (Cont'd.): "Gabrielsen."

Councilman Gabrielsen: "This is such a win-win for downtown. You know, last year we saw how successful it was and we anticipate it will be successful again and I really want to reach out and thank the supervisor, Sean Walter, because I know he went over to Wading River and he kind of was part of (inaudible) them over. Yes."

Supervisor Walter: "Well, that's what happens when you stand on the tailgate of a pickup truck and say come on down. They came."

Councilman Gabrielsen: "So we appreciate that. That's a yes."

The Vote (Cont'd.): "Wooten."

Councilman Wooten: "Yeah. If you have a chance, go down there, make sure you get down there on Thursday nights. Yes."

The Vote (Cont'd.): "Dunleavy."

Councilman Dunleavy: "Yes. And I'd like to thank Supervisor for bringing these people from Wading River to Riverhead. So I vote yes."

The Vote (Cont'd.): "Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #342

Councilman Dunleavy: "Approves Chapter 90 application of Wading River Shoreham Chamber of Commerce Inc. duck pond day. So moved."

Councilman Wooten: "Second."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #343

Councilman Wooten: "Authorizes acceptance of employees retirement pursuant to early retirement incentive program Chapter 37, Article II for eligible non-union, full time employees. So moved."

Councilman Gabrielsen: "And seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Meg, is this one-- I'm sorry. I don't think this one was in the packet either. Is this one-- authorizes acceptance of employees retirement-- is this to accept the ones that have retired? Okay. Okay."

Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #344

Councilman Gabrielsen: "Authorize acceptance of employees retirement pursuant to early retirement incentive program Chapter 37, Article III, for eligible full time employees who are members of the Civil Service Employees Association, Inc. So moved."

Councilwoman Giglio: "And seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #345

Councilwoman Giglio: "Offers support to the New York State Legislature in relation to the conveyance of land formerly used as an armory to the town of Riverhead, county of Suffolk, Senate Bill #S.4404/Assembly Bill #A.6825. So moved."

Councilman Dunleavy: "And seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy."

Councilman Dunleavy: "Yes. And I'd just like to ask if the residents might be able to help us and send their support or letters to the assembly and to the senate in Albany, helping us get this armory for the town of Riverhead. And it's Senate Bill #S.4404 and Assembly Bill A.6825. And that will be a great help for us to get that building for town use.

So I vote yes."

The Vote (Cont'd.): "Walter."

Supervisor Walter: "And I just want to add to that. That's a very good point. I started or we started on this process like

January, February of 2010 to get this building and it's hit a lot of pitfalls and I want to thank Senator LaValle for sponsoring this in the state Senate and Assemblyman Losquadro.

Previously it did not have a sponsor in the assembly but Assemblyman Losquadro has taken this cause up for the town and I really appreciate, my heartfelt thanks to them for doing this and I think we're going to get this armory back to the taxpayers.

We used to own it, this property, and now we're going to own it again.

So, yes."

Julie O'Neill: "The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #346

Councilman Dunleavy: "Approves Chapter 90 application of Peconic Bay Medical Center, for the 16th annual East End Garden Festival. So moved."

Councilman Wooten: "Second."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #347

Councilman Wooten: "This authorizes the supervisor to execute separate agreements with Maryann Hand, Olson Perry, Sr., Donna Bugdin and Yvonne Chesson regarding records cataloging services. So moved."

Councilman Gabrielsen: "And seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio."

Councilwoman Giglio: "This is a grant from the State of New York to help our clerk with the file boxes down in the basement. And I will be happy to have them here. So yes."

The Vote (Cont'd.): "Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #348

Councilman Gabrielsen: "This is supposed to be John's.

Authorize the release of site plan security of LeClos Therese LP d/b/a Comtesse Therese, Aquebogue Bistro, Aquebogue. So moved."

Councilwoman Giglio: "And seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #349

Councilwoman Giglio: "Authorizes the supervisor to execute amendment to Suffolk County grant contract for Grangebél Park comfort station renovation. So moved."

Councilman Dunleavy: "And seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter."

Supervisor Walter: "As I said to Mitch Freedman when we actually got the wrong picture of the comfort station, if I can't take back my comfort station, how am I going to take back Main Street.

So this is part of the process of the town board taking back the comfort station and, Supervisor Kozakiewicz, when this is done, I expect a new plaque from the Lion's on the rededication of that comfort station.

Yes."

Julie O'Neill: "The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #350

Supervisor Walter: "Better start the fundraising now."

Councilman Dunleavy: "Approves Dunn Engineering Associates rate schedule. So moved."

Councilman Wooten: "I'll second."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. I guess we didn't get a reduction. Did anybody reach out to them? And they won't. It is what it is. Okay."

Moved and seconded. Did we second it? Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #351

Councilman Wooten: "Ratifies approval for a leave of absence for a police officer. So moved."

Councilman Gabrielsen: "And seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #352

Councilman Gabrielsen: "Authorizes supervisor to enter into a memorandum of understanding between the town of Riverhead and the Hamptons Collegiate Baseball League, Inc. So moved."

Councilwoman Giglio: "And seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio."

Councilwoman Giglio: "This is so that the Hamptons Collegiate Baseball League can seek grant funding to improve our ball fields at EPCAL. So I will vote yes."

The Vote (Cont'd.): "Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy."

Councilman Dunleavy: "Yes. And these are college baseball players that play out here in the summertime. If anybody-- they have great games, they are going to be playing their schedules this year at the Riverhead high school baseball field so if anybody wishes to go out and look and watch them, it's great entertainment and I wish you would call town hall and get a schedule and we'll give it to you.

So I say yes."

The Vote (Cont'd.): "Walter."

Supervisor Walter: "Yes. But I just want to let the board know that we're just going to make sure this is the town's agreement. Ann Marie Prudenti did this. Okay.

Yes."

Julie O'Neill: "The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #353

Councilwoman Giglio: "Appoints a part time account clerk typist in the senior citizen department. So moved."

Councilman Dunleavy: "And seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "That's the same percentage? Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio."

Councilwoman Giglio: "This is-- yes, an employee that's needed in the senior-- coming back and saving us money."

The Vote (Cont'd.): "Gabrielsen."

Councilman Gabrielsen: "Is that hourly rate going down? It's not the same, okay. It's the percentage rate that we used before. Okay. Yes."

The Vote (Cont'd.) "Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #354

Councilman Dunleavy: "Pay bills. So moved."

Councilman Wooten: "Second."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Supervisor Walter: "Okay. Now we open it up to public comment on anything that the public sees fit to comment on. We ask you to limit it to five minutes."

Miss Mott, if you- go ahead."

Sandra Mott: "How long are you going to be, Jim? I need to talk to you."

Supervisor Walter: "You want us to take somebody else?"

Sandra Mott: "No. I can go through some of these other things. That will be all right."

Supervisor Walter: "Okay."

Sandra Mott: "With regard to the Calverton National Cemetery, the plaque. Jill just told me that it's in process for the tree that you all worked beautifully on."

Supervisor Walter: "We just got sidetracked. We apologize, on many other issues."

Sandra Mott: "Yes. I've been reading the paper. And so that would be very much appreciated."

Supervisor Walter: "We'll take care of it."

Councilwoman Giglio: "We- I think we approved the language for the plaque recently so- "

Sandra Mott: "-- talked to me in the hallway and said that it just had a little bit more to go before it to be resolved."

Councilman Dunleavy: "We just have to get the payment, that's all."

Sandra Mott: "Oh, money. All right. Along those same lines, I had mentioned the idea of daffodils or some other kind of bulb being planted at the cemetery to sort of brighten it. They had put lovely trees similar to the one that you all coordinated the placement of so the ground is already worked so there wouldn't be any digging into hard clay type soil."

Supervisor Walter: "You mean around this tree?"

Sandra Mott: "Well around that tree and many other trees throughout the entire area. They've added quite a few around the entire cemetery. I don't know if you've been there recently."

Supervisor Walter: "We're paying for the plaque ourselves."

Sandra Mott: "Well, I appreciate it. Everybody does."

Supervisor Walter: "I mean I don't mind doing it, Sandra, but let's get through the plaque."

Sandra Mott: "No, no, no, no, no. These daffodils could be donated because if you consider how much the cost of a daffodil would be, like \$.50 apiece, and they could work with donations from various organizations. And this is Jill's idea. She reminded me that when they put flags out, the flags out for Memorial Day, perhaps each—because there are thousands of people that go to place these flags."

Supervisor Walter: "Well, that's not a bad idea. If we give it to the—she does a good job. We could give them to the Cub Scouts if we could get bulbs."

Sandra Mott: "And that way, you know, even if they did one each and then they'd know that they'd contributed specifically and so I just wanted to rekindle that thought and I've talked to various people in the town through different companies that you know I do business with and it's not that many but everybody said that if they were approached, they'd be more than willing to contribute. So I don't know how you want to do it."

It's actually the planting that would be— I think that that would work out beautifully."

Councilwoman Giglio: "Yeah. If we could—because they probably have a union there, too, with their buildings and grounds as to who can come and plant flowers and things of that nature so—

and that would be on a federal level."

Sandra Mott: "Well everything has to go through the director's office, Mister (inaudible), and he's a fabulous person, and I don't- you know, I'm sure that that could be worked through.

My other concern was, I'm going to continue on a garden theme right now. The Peconic garden that you're having, I saw the fencing that went up, sort of stark looking, and I was wondering if they're going to plan putting vines or something- "

Supervisor Walter: "Oh, yeah, the whole place is going- "

Sandra Mott: "-- to sort of soften it."

Supervisor Walter: "Not only are they going to plant that, if you notice the comfort station, they had asked us to remove the old bushes and we are going to- buildings and grounds is going to renovate the comfort station with the \$60,000 grant that we just reapproved. But they said that they would plant around the comfort station and make that nicer as well.

So the answer is yes."

Sandra Mott: "So vines are around the- they could soften it."

Supervisor Walter: "I don't know- "

(Inaudible comment)

Supervisor Walter: "Berry shrubs. I don't know- I am not a landscape person but it's going to be beautiful I'm sure."

Sandra Mott: "Isn't morning glories or something that grows quickly and-- "

Councilman Wooten: "You just don't want to (inaudible)."

Sandra Mott: "-- returning every year. Just as a thought. I didn't have a chance to look too closely. Traffic was a little heavy that day.

My other concern was Horton Avenue. I read that they're not getting any kind of FEMA funds, the people."

Supervisor Walter: "The federal grant was denied but the

state grant is still ongoing. And I know that Ed Romaine is spearheading an effort to look at various parcels for the folks from Horton Avenue. So we're moving forward on the SEMA grant and hoping that we obtain that and Ed Romaine is working the other issue."

Sandra Mott: "Okay. Because it was very sad to think of them while I was watching the tornadoes. It was tremendously sad but we have, you know, an issue that's pre-existing, so to speak.

My other concern was, of course, the animal shelter. I've been following, if you read my response to someone's concern that there's too much coverage in the News Review. There's never been enough coverage as to what's going on up there.

And I find it really- I wrote in my notes how sad that there's now lawsuits possible in regard to Lou. Can we stop all this crap?"

Supervisor Walter: "I'm working on it."

Sandra Mott: "Just move on and do the right thing here because 17 years and we've had- I've had and I know other people have had support of Lou. As I said, I have not volunteered up there but I have had great support from him in many ways and I also have had personal attacks by different organizations so let's say I know how the shoe fits.

You are trying to do the right thing and you get slammed for it. But as I said, I'm not an employee and I'm not looking for a job. All I want is the right thing to be done so slamming me is one thing, slamming somebody else who has chosen this as a field of work is something quite different.

As to the News Review, my response to someone who said that there was too much coverage, I suggest that perhaps photos could be taken of the little ones that are up there to either be reunited- I mean I've said this for 17 years, or to be adopted by new ones and perhaps sponsored by the advertisers of the News Review or different people until they're adopted.

Because this burden of expense for the care of the little ones up there shouldn't be long term, number one, in regard to them being there. They should be either reunited or adopted or find a permanent sanctuary and so we don't have to keep reading about one issue after another after another. There's no reason for that.

But my concern that made me really upset was the complaining

about paying for cats care. Would you like to see my bill over 18 years? Wouldn't you like to see my- I have an elderly cat because we have him because there was no place, he's 18. It was just \$300 at Mattituck Laurel. He's possibly in kidney failure. Well, guess what? I'm not going to let him die.

I don't know what this is going to cost me. So please stop crying about cat care, fraud, misuse of funds, and all this other stuff. That's absolutely obscene and that's why I'm here. It was absolutely insulting. And forget the money.

The personal grief that we've had to go through when they've had to be put to sleep. So stop. I just- and when I was reading that, I'm thinking can we stop and go back to what we did like with the tree in Calverton. You people are wonderful people."

Supervisor Walter: "Thank you."

Sandra Mott: "Pains in the assess sometimes, but one on one, 99% out of a hundred times you are very good people, one on one, and all I ask is you know a lot of people, you can get a lot done, you did that, and if you can honor the veterans, help the people on Horton, help the little animals. That's what I'm asking.

And I had recommended a flea market fund raiser at the EPCAL site. I didn't know- Jim thought it was a nice idea. I don't know if he had brought it forward to the rest of you. And that way table- this is not a big deal. You say you're going to have it on these days, people show up, car, van- car, truck van, 20, 30, 50 for whatever vehicle type. You pull in, first come, first serve as to spaces.

You have the portable toilet facilities I understand, and (inaudible), that the fund raising opportunity for the town's animal shelter, people would enjoy it and the community- you know, Glenwood, you're not allowed to have yard sales.

If you move out, you may have one, you know. But there are many people who don't have the ability to do that so it would be a fun type of thing, fund raising and helping the innocents.

I've said this many times and I'm only here because of that. I have to go and make sure my Schmoochie (phonetic) is all right.

Again, thank you very much and the News Review was very good about printing my letter and I'm sorry, I believe it was a Mr. Parks who was basically not happy to keep reading about, you know, the

animal shelter.

Well, if they're the only source for a lot of- for information because we don't have- basic cable doesn't carry your government channel, they wiped us off of that a number of years ago. Then God bless the News Review for helping us over the years and anyone who's covered the- "

Councilman Wooten: "Don't believe everything you read in that either."

Sandra Mott: "Excuse me."

Councilman Wooten: "Don't believe everything you read in that either."

Sandra Mott: "You know. I unfortunately have the temperament where I'm not going to misbelieve anything. You're going to have to prove to me that there's something the matter. I'm going to give you the benefit of the doubt and I think that after 18 years I think the time is right for something to change. And I thank you very much and the News Review specifically."

And as I said, we know what you've done before. Please stop picking on each other and just do for us.

I thank you."

Supervisor Walter: "Sandra, thank you. I hope your cat is okay. Thank you, Miss Mott. Yes."

Sue Hansen: "Hi. My name is Sue Hansen from Rocky Point. And I'm here to talk about the animal shelter as well."

In particular, I'll focus on an email that Ray Bozzello a certified dog trainer sent earlier this week to Jim Wooten. Ray has been going up to the animal shelter to work with some of the more difficult dogs and he sent this letter on Monday to Jim."

Councilman Wooten: "Well, actually he sent it to a lot of people, right?"

Sue Hansen: "They were on cc, but it was addressed to you."

Councilman Wooten: "I don't think you have my response but that's okay."

Sue Hansen: "Jim, it is with great concern that I write this email. The dogs that are at Riverhead animal shelter are in various states of despair. I realize the fact that they are in a shelter situation and this is part of the problem.

That being said, these dogs mostly pit and pit mixes are terriers, which are already high energy anxious breeds. Without a daily routine, human contact and exercise, this situation is made worse.

There has been no attempt by the present powers that be to remedy this situation.

A trainer coming once a week and working in a limited situation is not going to be of any help, immediate or future. There needs to be more volunteers and a staff willing to work and make a difference.

I'm sorry, I lost my place.

I particularly like the pit breed and have worked with them at my kennel so I know what it takes to rehabilitate dogs that have been compromises. As much as I would like to help at the shelter in the current climate I don't have the ability to do what I as a trainer know needs to be done to make a difference.

Jim, I would like to be involved at the shelter but until circumstances change, I must withdraw my services. This is not an easy decision but until there is a change, the outcome is dim.

Now I'm just here to remind the town board that issues go unresolved and, fine, you're working on it. But I would also remind you that you were elected not to work on things but to get things done. We need results.

Management is still the same. The euthanasia policy is still the same and the dog, Bruno, that died unnecessarily, that situation in my mind anyway is still unresolved.

There are several dogs in the back of the shelter that are never taken out and some dogs go out very infrequently. You're in a catch-22 situation here. These dogs are not going to get better by themselves and now you've had a very qualified and skilled person say I can't do this anymore. It's not working."

Councilman Wooten: "I wish I could have shared my email that

I wrote back. I just got the email yesterday, by the way. And I responded to it this morning. And I wish I could have brought that in to show you."

Sue Hansen: "Well, I have your email response and I highlighted one statement in it that I thought was very unusual. It says don't let politics weigh in your decision. This was your advice to Ray.

I wish the town board would follow that same advice. Don't let politics weigh on your decision. Don't let it interfere with doing what's right there."

Councilman Wooten: "I understand but my whole take on this whole thing, especially when it comes to Ray who believe me walks the walk. He just doesn't talk the talk. He's down there working with these dogs every weekend or was.

And that's where his passion lies, working with the animals. And I don't want him to not want to do that because of what other influences might be on his mind to not do that."

Sue Hansen: "You have the ability to change that."

Councilman Wooten: "-- is down with him. I did, I wrote him a nice letter and told him that, hopefully, you will change your mind and realize why you are doing it."

Sue Hansen: "The point is all five of you have the ability to turn it around and week after week we're up here and nothing's changing. You have to have results.

I'm going to get off that subject because we're just going round in circles and I'm tired of talking about it. We have to see results. That's the bottom line.

But I would like you, Jim, to shed some light on this other most troubling incident that occurred recently at the animal shelter and maybe you could explain what's going on with the bludgeoning of wildlife and the ordering of some sort of a carbon dioxide chamber for the animal shelter."

Councilman Wooten: "Well, I'm not sure I can. I can tell you that I was alerted to the fact that with racoons, stray racoons, they were being clubbed. Now according to- "

(Inaudible comment)

Councilman Wooten: "The ACO. It's part- actually the DEC allows- you know what? I'm not going to address this crowd right now. All right. I'm sorry. This is not an open forum. She asked me to respond to something, I was going to respond to something when I get done."

(Inaudible comment)

Councilman Wooten: "I'm saying- "

Sandra Mott: "I'm in shock. I just picked up a cat by the Jewish cemetery I thought was dead. (Inaudible). I brought it to the ER. (Inaudible). I'm tired of doing the town's job. I'm tired of listening. (Inaudible). I'm tired but I'm not going away. You know why? Because it's not right."

Councilman Wooten: "Well, then, Sue, to answer your question. I just got alerted to this. Michelle Janowitz (phonetic) came in with her NWO book, showed me the preferred methods used, best practice methods for taking care of wildlife, CO2 chamber was the number one preferred method.

There was a few other ones in there. Bludgeoning was not one of them. So right now I've worked with Sgt. Egan this week and met with him today at the animal shelter. I was there just after you. And- "

Sue Hansen: "To me this just sounds like another case in point where you don't have the right management in place. You don't have the right people in- "

Councilman Wooten: "Well, it's a better way. Because this is recognized by the DEC and by Suffolk County Health who actually listed that clubbing as part of one."

Sue Hansen: "They do accept it but it is not recommended. It is not the preferred method."

Councilman Wooten: "It's not the most preferred way, right. But it is being dealt with right now. I just heard about it last- early- late last week when Michelle came to my office. It's the first I heard of it."

Sue Hansen: "There are a number of other options and I'm sure

Michelle can advise you as to what they are."

Councilman Wooten: "She has. I'm sure she told you, too."

Sue Hansen: "Yes, she has."

Councilman Wooten: "They are in my office. Come up and I'll show them to you. Her book is open right on my table."

Sue Hansen: "I don't- I'm not the one that needs to see them."

Councilman Wooten: "All right then. Then we'll deal with it."

Sue Hansen: "Okay. We'll be back in two weeks. Hopefully there will be some changes."

(Inaudible comment from Sandra Mott)

Councilman Wooten: "We're not talking about cats; we're not talking about dogs."

Sandra Mott: "I'm talking about any creature. There's got to be a different solution."

Councilman Wooten: "Take that up with the state."

Sandra Mott: "Take it up with the state, I'm taking it up with you."

Councilman Wooten: "It's state law."

Connie Farr: "No, it's not the state- Connie Farr, Calverton. The state law doesn't say you have to kill every racoon that comes in. It says- no, it- I've looked it up also.

It says you can relocate them- "

Councilman Wooten: "You're assuming we do, Connie."

Connie Farr: "Huh?"

Councilman Wooten: "You're assuming we do."

Connie Farr: "That we relocate them?"

Councilman Wooten: "No. You're assuming we kill every racoon we come in contact with."

Connie Farr: "No. I'm not assuming you kill every one. But I'm saying there are other options than killing every one that you come in contact with."

Councilman Wooten: "There's no win here. There's no win here."

Connie Farr: "If they're sick, first of all, they should- if they're sick, their head and brain has to be sent into the DEC because they may have some kind of a contagious disease."

Councilman Wooten: "That's absolutely right. (Inaudible) has to be done, you're absolutely correct."

Connie Farr: "But they- others- like Nassau County doesn't- the police have nothing to do with it. They tell the person call the DEC, call a trained wildlife person to come and pick it up."

Councilman Wooten: "You're absolutely right."

Connie Farr: "I don't think the town needs to be involved with wildlife. I think we should- "

Councilman Wooten: "I think the only one licensed in our town is Lou."

Connie Farr: "No, no. There are trappers that are licensed to do that."

Councilman Wooten: "Well I know Michelle is. There are other organizations."

Connie Farr: "They should be doing that. I think the town should refer them to those private people to do it and the town shouldn't be in the business of any kind of- yeah, I think the town doesn't need to be involved in any kind of murder of any animal. Let someone else do it, you know."

Councilman Wooten: "Like I said (inaudible)."

Connie Farr: "And especially we shouldn't be paying taxpayer money on- "

Councilman Wooten: "That suggestion came from Michelle who is sitting right back there in an email to me and (inaudible)."

Connie Farr: "I was very surprised, in fact that I think we're ordering something- spending money on a CO2 chamber to kill animals. I mean here we are trying to get the shelter into a no kill shelter and here we're now ordering something to kill animals. I mean it just doesn't seem right."

Councilman Wooten: "It's two separate things."

Connie Farr: "Anyway- "

(Inaudible comment)

Councilman Wooten: "I don't know, \$30 to \$40. It's a CO2 tank. Well, I'm telling you."

(Inaudible comment)

Supervisor Walter: "Does anybody else wish to be heard this afternoon?"

Councilman Dunleavy: "I make a motion the town board meeting be adjourned."

Supervisor Walter: "All in favor?"

Collective response: "Aye."

Supervisor Walter: "Thank you coming, folks."

Meeting adjourned: 3:40 p.m.

John O'Neill
Deputy Town
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